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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Response replies to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2008.

Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.